

Soviet Investment in the Petroleum Industry

1. The \$45 billion dollar figure came originally from a Soviet journal, Voprosi Ekonomiki, in which the Soviet author said that they were going to invest in the extractive phase of the crude oil industry 150-180 billion rubles (apparently 1950 rubles) over the next 15 years. Converted at 4:1, the 180 billion rubles equals 45 billion dollars.

2. However, a more realistic dollar equivalent would be 21-26 billion dollars, obtained by converting the Soviet 1950 prices to Soviet 1955 prices and then converting to dollars at a 6:1 ratio.

3. Soviet source: Brenner, N., "Problems of Oil in the Long Range Development of the National Economy of the USSR," Voprosi Ekonomiki, No. 2, 1958, p. 28.

Soviet Exports to Western Europe

No unclassified information is available on Soviet intentions to export petroleum to Western Europe other than that given in the Director's Chamber of Commerce speech, which Mr.

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